Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 17 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 18 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 16 Dec 2020 at 17:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for changeable weather into the weekend, low for detail on Friday.

Headline for Thursday 17 Dec 2020: Occasional wintry showers in the morning, mainly dry afternoon. Rain by evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 17 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
50%	50%	40%	30%	30%	20%	30%	>95%

Forecast for Thursday 17 Dec 2020

Weather: Occasional showers in the morning, some longer spells of rain across Lochaber and Skye at first, snow above 1000 metres. Becoming mainly dry in the afternoon but rain will return from the west by early evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%. Some cloud down to 600 metres expected on southwestern upslopes of Skye and the south in the morning, this thinning in the afternoon. Low cloud becoming more extensive from the southwest after dark. Best of the cloud breaks during daytime will be in the northeast of the area.

Visibility: Mostly very good outside of cloud and showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	41/48 SW	39/48 SW	36/44 SW	35/43 SW	36/45 SW	38/46 SW	43/52 S	43/53 S	37/47 SW
900	39/45 SW	38/47 SW	35/44 SW	33/41 SW	34/43 SW	36/45 SW	38/47 S	40/50 S	35/45 SW
600	26/34 SW	26/35 SW	24/33 SW	22/30 SW	22/32 SW	25/35 SW	25/35 S	27/38 S	25/36 SW
300	8/34 SW	8/34 SW	8/32 SW	8/31 SW	7/31 SW	9/33 SW	6/31 S	9/36 S	9/33 SW
Glen	15/31 SW	12/28 SW	12/26 SW	9/23 SW	13/28 SW	14/29 S	15/33 S	14/32 S	10/24 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-7	1/-8	0/-8	1/-7	1/-8	0/-8	1/-7	3/-5	3/-4
900	2/-6	1/-7	1/-7	2/-6	2/-6	1/-7	2/-6	4/-4	4/-3
600	4/-2	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	6/0	6/1
300	6/4	6/3	6/3	6/3	6/4	6/3	6/4	8/5	8/6
Glen	8/5	8/5	8/5	8/5	8/6	8/5	8/5	10/7	10/8
Freezing Level*	1300m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1600m	1700m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Icy surfaces expected on the very highest tops.

Forecast for Friday 18 Dec 2020
Weather: Low confidence for detail. Apart from some light rain in the coastal southwest the morning should be dry. The afternoon will be cloudy with widespread heavy rain spreading from the south, this lasting into the evening. Thaw of any lying snow at higher altitudes as freeing levels continue to rise in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Summit southerly severe gales or storm force winds expected, gusts to 70 mph over the higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little in the way of low cloud in the morning. Low cloud becoming somewhat more widespread between 600 and 800 metres in the afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Mostly good outside of cloud and rain

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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